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Covering Up for KGB Conspiracy

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"Paranoia," as most people are aware, is a mental disorder in which the victim harbors exaggerated notions of persecution and conspiracy.

With that definition in mind, what is currently happening in this country might best be described as "reverse paranoia"—the inability to grasp the facts of a conspiracy when they are plainly evident. This affliction seems especially acute where the conspiratorial activities of the Soviet Union are concerned.

Consider the findings of the FBI concerning Soviet infiltration of the so-called "peace" movement. On two occasions in recent months, the FBI has issued reports that document the highly successful efforts of the Soviet KGB and its fronts to influence Western disarmament campaigns. In both cases, the meaning of the FBI reports has been willfully distorted or ignored.

In December 1982, an FBI report was released which said "a primary focus of the KGB has been arms controls and disarmament matters and the American peace movement." It added that "KGB officers have recently instructed their contacts to devote serious attention to the anti-war movement in the United States...."

"Some KGB officers are also directly involved in efforts to influence the U.S. peace movement. A Soviet diplomat involved in active measures operations assigned to the Soviet Embassy in Washington has been actively attempting to influence the American peace movement."

This report and similar data from the CIA documented the intensive campaign of the Soviets in this respect in considerable detail. Despite all this, Rep. Edward Boland (D.-Mass.), chairman of the committee to which the reports were submitted, blandly asserted that "the hearings provide no evidence that the Soviets direct, manage or manipulate the nuclear freeze movement."

Since the FBI report had not specifically mentioned the "nuclear freeze" one way or the other, this statement was technically correct—but in substance flagrantly misleading. By focusing attention on the lack of comment on the freeze, Boland deflected it from the substantial evidence presented that the KGB, Soviet-front groups and Communists in this country are up to their ears in the so-called "peace" crusade.

(Further obscuring the facts about the matter, Boland's committee thoughtfully deleted from the record data showing contacts between the Soviet-controlled World Peace Council and various U.S. Representatives, including Ron Dellums, John Burton, Ted Weiss, John Conyers, Don Edwards and Charles Rangel—all of whom, like Boland himself, are Democratic congressmen.)

In March 1983, the FBI issued a follow-up report which provided further details about Soviet involvement in the peace movement in this country, this time specifically mentioning the "nuclear freeze." The FBI analysis recounted Moscow's successes in this regard, including last year's mammoth disarmament rally in New York City.

On this occasion, says the FBI, representatives of the Communist Party, U.S.A. and the Communist-controlled U.S. Peace Council—affiliated with the World Peace Council—succeeded

in infiltrating the planning committee for the event and steering it in a pro-Communist direction. Specifically, says the report, "the Soviets were satisfied that the USPC/CPUSA was successful in directing the focus of the rally against U.S. arms control and defense policies."

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